

[Translation]

Tehri Dam

3886. SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether any scheme has been formulated by the Government for extending benefits of the dam reservoirs and Hydel Power Projects to the local people being affected by their construction in the Himalaya region;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is an acute shortage of drinking and irrigation water in catchment areas of Tehri Dam and the people have been demanding to lift the water of the rivers for several years;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether there is any provision for a scheme for supplying electricity and water to Meerut and Delhi, Which are 300 and 350 km. away from the dam and for supplying irrigation water to Aligarh;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the remedial measures taken by the Government to remove the water problem of the people of the region?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) to (g) There is no general scheme evolved for extending benefits to persons affected by the construction of hydel power projects in the Himalayan region. The rehabilitation benefits such as compensation for the land acquired, employment, vocational training etc. are extended on case to case basis by the project authorities in consultation with the concerned State Governments.

Amongst the main benefits envisaged in the completion of Tehri Hydroelectric Project Stage-I, inter-alia, include supply of 162 million gallons (300 cusecs) of drinking water per day to Delhi and 108 million gallons (200 cusecs) of drinking water per day for the towns and villages of Uttar Pradesh. Schemes for lifting water from the rivers and alleviating the water problems of the people living in the catchment areas of Tehri Dam and in the region are the responsibilities of the State Government of Uttar Pradesh.

[English]

Inter Personnel Communication Skill

3887. SHRI GORDHANBHAI JAVIA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any training programme relating to inter personnel communication skill to Government employees to interact with public and to others;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI. S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) and (b) The Department of Personnel and Training has been sponsoring a number of training programmes on a range of subjects. The subject of communication skills has also been one on which the training programmes have been sponsored. In the year 1996-97, for example, the following programmes related to communication skills were sponsored.

1. Effective Communication for Inter-personal Relations at Institute of Administration, Hyderabad (04-06th June, 1996)
2. Communication Skills & Managerial Effectiveness, Anna Institute of Management Chennai (12-14th June, 1996)
3. Communication Skills for Effective Managerial Decisions at Institute of Co-operative Management Guwahati (17-21st June, 1996)
4. Mass Media & Public Relations at Institute of Administration, Hyderabad (13th-17th May, 1996)
5. Media & Strategies for Development at Yashwant Rao Chavan Development Administrative Institute Pune (20-24th May, 1996)

(c) In view of the above, does not arise.

D.D.A. Houses

3888. SHRI MANGAL RAM PREMI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the newsitem captioned "REJECTED DDA houses on offer" appearing in The Times of India dated March 7, 1997;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) the reasons for the public sector undertakings rejecting the flats offered to them by the Delhi Development Authority;

(d) the reasons for fleecing the common man by offering the houses under expandable housing scheme floated in 1996; and

(e) the steps taken to allow a locality of choice to the registrants of New Pattern Scheme, 1979, instead of thrusting upon them a locality not liked by them ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The DDA has reported that no houses have been rejected by the Public Sector Undertakings. However,